

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 remain as filed.

The Examiner objected to the Specification in that pages 7-9 did not provide enough "details in how to track the relationship between HTML links in a same web site if links are not named with the same extension." Although the Applicant believes the Specification to be complete and clear in its original form, page 8 has been amended in the spirit of cooperation. The paragraph on page 8, lines 5-8, has been amended by adding: "The writer/programmer can, of course, name the files anything, as long as the names match the ordering specification detailed in the new <fileorder> tagging as described." Taken in context with the paragraph immediately there above, it is now even more clear that the writer/programmer must decide whether or not to use the present invention, and then ensure the new <fileorder> tagging (as an example) is set to match. Therefore, the writer/programmer can either; 1) create the new <fileorder> tagging and then name the files corresponding thereto, or 2) after the files have been named, correspondingly set up the new <fileorder> tagging. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by overcoming the Examiner's objection.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Bates et al, (US Patent number 5,877,766) (hereinafter, Bates). The Examiner contends that Bates teaches a method of navigating within a web site by installing a direction indicator relative to a link shown on a web page within the web site as shown at (directions, col. 10, lines 43-59). Additionally, the Examiner contends that "Bates inherently

shows surfacing said direction indicator prior to selection of said order to inform the user whether said link is forward or backward within said web site because of using a suitable browser may be based upon the Navigator web browser, which provides "backward" and "forward" buttons (col. 2 lines 63-66), from Netscape Communications, or the Internet Explorer from Microsoft (col. 9 lines 16-18)."

Bates teaches the use of a graphical "map" to show a user where the user has been. "When used in conjunction with navigating hypertext documents, a map display is typically generated dynamically, whereby node display elements are automatically added to the map display as new links are taken by an end user. Consequently, the map displays may be used to provide a history, or "bread crumb trail" for an end user as he or she navigates through various records. Given the practically endless amount of content on the Internet, for example, the history provided by a map display may be invaluable." (Col. 7, lines 1-7). Therefore, it is not possible to see where a link will take you in advance of already going there.

Applicant's invention is specifically designed to tell a user whether the link will take them forward or backward in the document prior to actually selecting the link. "The present invention is an extension to the web information standards (e.g. HTML / XML) that would be honored by Internet browsers (e.g. Netscape). The extension would allow the user to know in advance whether a link would result in a forward or a backward movement. This indication could be provided in numerous ways, and the present invention is not limited to any one implementation solely. For purposes of explanation, one way for such an indicator would be to show an 'up' or a 'down' arrow in the status line text commonly displayed when a user hovers the mouse pointer over a link. This up or down arrow

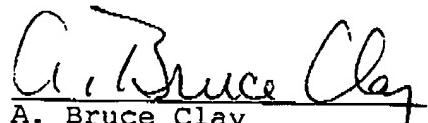
would tell the user which way he'll go in the book if he follows the link." (Page 7, lines 3-10).

Claims 3, 9, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bates in view of Yeo et al. (US patent number 5,708,767, hereafter Yeo). The Examiner states that while "Bates does not clearly show the arrow point upward to indicate movement backward and said arrow points downward to indicate movement forward within the web site", "Yeo demonstrates these features." Applicant asserts that this rejection, as well as the rejections to the other dependent claims, is moot in light of their allowable independent claims.

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place this application in condition for allowance. Early notification of such allowance is respectfully requested. No additional fee is seen to be required; however, in the event an additional fee is required, please charge that fee to deposit account number 09-0461.

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Please delete the paragraph on page 8, at lines 5 - 8 and insert the following new paragraph.

The browser knows that everything following the fileorder tag, until it's 'end' tag, is a list of ordered files separated by semicolons. Further, if a link in chapter 2 would take the user to a spot in chapter 4, it could now, based on the 'fileorder' statement, be determined with assurance that the link is a 'forward' link. The writer/programmer can, of course, name the files anything, as long as the names match the ordering specification detailed in the new <fileorder> tagging as described.